

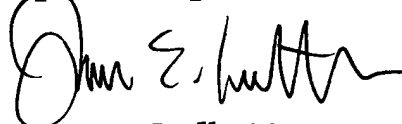
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that dependent claims 24, 30, and 31 are allowable. The features of allowable claims 24, 30, and 31 have been integrated into base claims 23, 27, and 28, respectively. Additionally, claims 23 and 27 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections and claims 24, 30, and 31 have been canceled. Accordingly, allowance of claims 23, 27, and 28 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted, and this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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